

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’
Committee on Physician Assistants
April 22, 2005**

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants was held in the Cumberland Room located on the Ground Floor of the Cordell Hull State Office Building on April 22, 2005.

Members Present: Anne Arney, Consumer Member; Janet Johnson, OPA; Glen Alexander, PA; Nancy Parton, PA; William Blalock, PA and Jonathan White, PA

Members Absent: Rory O’More, PA

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, Robert J. Kraemer, Jr., Associate General Counsel; LaTonya Shelton, Administrator, Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager; Jerry Kosten, Rule Coordinator

Nancy Parton, Committee secretary called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the absence of Committee Chairman Mr. O’More. The Secretary determined that a sufficient number of members were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

William Blalock made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2005 meeting. Anne Arney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

The Committee reviewed the financial report which indicated a projected cumulative balance of \$173,955.00.

Disciplinary Report

The Committee reviewed the written report submitted by the disciplinary coordinator which indicated two licensees are being monitored and are in compliance.

Manager’s Report:

Marsha Arnold reported on the activities that have transpired in the administrative office between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2005 concerning Physician Assistants are as follows:

21 new applications, 24 new licenses, 94 mailed out renewals and 0 licensure reinstatement. The actual processing time of renewals in our office is 7.7 days. The actual processing time for new

applications in our office is 69 days. The number of active licensees as of March 31, 2005 is 740.

Investigations Report

In the absence of Denise Moran, Director of the Bureau of Investigations, Rosemarie Otto informed the committee that there are eighteen open complaints in the Bureau of Investigations regarding physician assistants.

Ratification of New licenses, Temporary Permits and Reinstatements

William Blalock made a motion to ratify the new licenses, temporary permits, and retirements. Glen Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tennessee Professional Assistant Program (TNPAP)

Mr. Mike Harkreader discussed the TNPAP report with the Committee. For the period of December 2004 through March 2005 TNPAP had a total of four (4) participants referred from different sources.

OGC Report

Mr. Kraemer informed the Committee that the Disciplinary Rule (03-1318) went into effect November 22, 2004 and that the Volunteer Practice Rule (04-1546) went to rule making hearing on December 21, 2004 and was ready for adoption at this Committee meeting. The Volunteer Practice Rule was adopted by this committee on January 7, 2005 and the Medical Board on January 18, 2005 and sent to the Attorney General on January 26, 2005 and is still there. The Criminal Background Checks (05-1025) rulemaking hearing was on March 18, 2005 and is also ready for adoption at this meeting. Mr. Kraemer also stated that there were three cases open in the Office of General Council pertaining to the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants.

New Applicant Interview

Ms. Cshandar Lamb, PA was applying for a license to practice in Tennessee. Ms. Lamb has indicated on her initial application that she had been working in Tennessee as a Physician Assistant prior to obtaining her license. The Committee Consultant as well as the Medical Director for the Board of Medical Examiners requested that the applicant appear before the Committee for an interview. Anne Arney made a motion to issue a license and William Blalock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rule Action

The Committee heard from Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator, regarding a rule requiring new applicants to submit to criminal background checks. After questions, answers and discussion,

Janet Johnson made a motion to accept the Rule. The motion was seconded by William Blalock. The Rule was adopted following a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Kosten informed the Committee that the Legislature passed Public Chapter 59 which allows physician assistants to participate in limited liability corporations. A motion was made by Mr. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Johnson to ask Mr. Kosten to draw up a rule concerning Public Chapter 59 for the Committee to review at the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review and discuss the following Legislation-Senate Bills 470, 774, 1370, 890, 1006, 2202 and House Bills 86, 2005, 136, 412, 2340.

“Noteworthy” on the Internet.

Nothing to report.

The next scheduled meeting is July 8, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cumberland Room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2005 by the Committee on Physician Assistants.

Secretary

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